AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

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10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A method of displacing subretinal fluid from a space between a retinal detachment or a retinal tear and a choroid of an eye, comprising the steps of:

providing an vitreoretinal instrument, comprising:

a handle; and

a probe coupled to said handle comprising a curved distal portion made from a flexible plastic, said curved distal portion having a smooth dorsal surface capable of safely touching the retina;

grasping said handle;

disposing said probe within a vitreous cavity of said eye above said retinal detachment or retinal tear with said dorsal surface proximate an inner surface of said retina; and

moving said handle so that said dorsal surface contacts said inner surface of said retina and displaces subretinal fluid.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said probe comprises an optical fiber disposed in said handle and said curved portion, and further comprising the step of transmitting light from said optical fiber and said curved portion to an interior of said eye.